

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2011 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Bunting led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Bunting, Candioly, Korman, Miranda, Rische, Shwarts, and Chairperson Endo-Roberts.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport and Cultural Services Senior Supervisor Bell.

**4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miranda moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5A. MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2011**

Commissioner Candioly offered the following clarification to the May 16, 2011 meeting minutes: Page 2, Item 7B, "...and Commissioner Candioly agreed to be the emcee at the event."

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miranda moved for the approval of the May 16, 2011 Commission meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

Manager Rappoport introduced Esther Achaerandio, a full-time intern for 10 months from Madrid, Spain made possible through a program between the government of Spain and the U.S. State Department.

Esther shared her background, reasons why she selected Torrance over other openings, and her hope to learn the entire process of preparing an art exhibition. She

discussed some of her responsibilities at Torrance Art Museum that include organizing public art materials as well as assisting at the opening night of "Chicago."

**7. ON-GOING BUSINESS**

**7A. FINALIZE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND REVIEW PROPOSED CHANGE TO GUIDELINES AND TIMELINE FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARTS**

Chairperson Endo-Roberts presented her recommendation to modify the current wording in the paragraph under Eligibility to add the following: "Current Cultural Arts Commissioners and their immediate families are not eligible." She stated that she was advised by the City Attorney's Office to include immediate family to insure that there is no appearance of bias.

A brief discussion centered on the exact definition of immediate family and staff pointed out that Commissioners could always vote on eligibility if it becomes an issue.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Candioly moved to approve the Excellence in Art Awards guidelines as amended. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

Commissioners confirmed the timeline, committee chair assignments, and Excellence in Arts standing committee members for the Excellence in Arts program.

**7B. CITY BUDGET UPDATE**

Manager Rappoport reported that the second budget hearing is on June 21, 2011 and that the Cultural Services Division is not directly facing any impacts. She stated that the Symphony concert is on an alternate list and that staff is being asked to renegotiate contracts with instructors from a 70/30 split to a 60/40 split as well as to find ways to maximize use of space.

She informed the Commission that Torrance did not receive an All-America City award but came in 11<sup>th</sup> place and announced that the Commission's grant recommendation is on the City Council agenda for June 21, 2011.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8A. 2011-2012 COMMISSION NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION**

Manager Rappoport recommended that the Commission follow past practice and elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson on the basis of seniority.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miranda moved to elect Commissioner Candioly for Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Candioly moved to elect Commissioner Bunting for Vice-Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission for the period of July 1, 2011 to June

30, 2012. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE**

Previously discussed in Item 7A.

**9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Manager Rappoport reported that staff has received better estimates for the Wilson Park amphitheatre project and will bring back a recommendation at the July 18, 2011 Commission meeting.

**9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

No report.

**10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**10A.** Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for May 2011 was included in agenda packets. She announced that opening night of Torrance Theatre Company's production of "Chicago" is August 13, 2011. She stated that she attended the annual Americans for the Arts conference in San Diego last week.

**10B.** The Commission welcomed back Cultural Services Senior Supervisor Bell who announced that 305 classes started on June 20, 2011.

**11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**11A.** Commissioner Miranda initiated a brief discussion regarding using gourmet food trucks for fundraising opportunities.

**11B.** Commissioner Miranda stated that he enjoyed entertainer Willie K. at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center on June 19, 2011 and announced that June 11 was the 113<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Philippine independence.

**11C.** Commissioner Rische announced her 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 17 and stated that she enjoyed the Cultural Arts Center Foundation's fundraiser as well as the Torrance Symphony concert on June 18.

**11D.** Commissioner Korman discussed the June 18 Torrance Symphony concert that included two emerging young artists. She announced "Bell of Amherst" at Torrance High School on June 24, 2011.

**11E.** Commissioner Shwartz commended staff members for the great job they do mentoring interns.

**11F.** Commissioner Bunting stated that she visited several commercial galleries.

**11G.** Commissioner Candioly stated that the exhibition and seminar of "Telephone" at Torrance Art Museum was fun and unique and that he had the opportunity to see artwork at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

**11H.** Chairperson Endo-Roberts stated that she enjoyed her granddaughter's dance recital last weekend.

**11I.** Commissioners and staff expressed their appreciation to Chairperson Endo-Roberts for her service as Chairperson of the Commission and Chairperson Endo-Roberts expressed her gratitude for all their support.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 7:58 p.m., Commissioner Miranda moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, July 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Endo-Roberts so ordered.

Approved as Submitted July 18, 2011 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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